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**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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SECTION 44

RE:                   BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
                      (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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**October 7, 1965**

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**AIRMAIL**

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**Honolulu, Hawaii**

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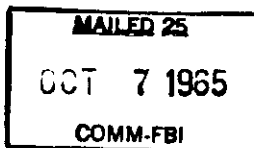
Dear

Your letter of October 2nd, with enclosure,  
has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I cannot comment specifically as you have indicated.

Enclosed is some literature it is hoped  
will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



**Enclosures (2)**

**12-7-64 United States News and World Report**  
**CPUSA Excerpt from Appropriations Testimony, 3-4-65**

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Her enclosure was a postcard depicting Martin Luther King at the Highlander Folk School which card is well known in Bureau files.

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Oct. 2, 1965

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The FBI  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

In regard to the enclosed postcard (which was mailed to my mother and she forward it to me), is there any credence to be given to what is implied?

Can you tell me any of the circumstances surrounding this thing?

Does such a communist training school exist?

I detest "hate literature" because it only implies things that the average American cannot be sure is true.

Thank you,

Honolulu, Hawaii

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Martin Luther King at Communist Training School





Dear Madam:

Dont you think it  
about time your govern-  
ment stopped coddling,  
promoting and protecting  
characters like these  
with your tax dollars.

To King's right, Aubrey Williams, pres. of the communist front SCIF, and  
Myrtle Horton, dir. Highlander Folk School for "communist training at Monteagle, Tenn.  
This picture taken by secret counteragent during a Red Workshop in race agitation. (See  
additional copy) write Councilor, CU 4/One Side, 616/9000, Lm. 21 per 100.)

POST CARD



[REDACTED]  
Salem, Oregon

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 7 1965

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI CHICAGO

1117 PM CDST URGENT 10/6/65 DRS

TO: DIRECTOR , ATLANTA , SPRINGFIELD AND MILWAUKEE

FROM: CHICAGO (100-35356)

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SM-C

KING ARRIVED CG NINE THIRTY PM THIS DATE. HAS RESERVATIONS  
AT O'HARE INN ADJACENT TO O'HARE FIELD, CHICAGO. SCHEDULED TO  
LEAVE ON OCTOBER SEVEN NEXT FOR SPEECH COMMITMENT AT SPRINGFIELD  
RETURNING TO CHICAGO SAME DATE AND SCHEDULED TO LEAVE OCTOBER EIGHT  
NEXT FOR WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

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AT...LWG

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SI...DJK

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Date: September 30, 1965

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18410)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Re Bureau airtel to New Haven, 9/29/65.

The following is a characterization of STAUGHTON CRAIG LYND:

On August 13, 1953, STAUGHTON LYND during an interview with Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation stated he had joined the American Youth for Democracy in the Fall of 1946 on the campus of Harvard University and had disaffiliated himself from the American Youth for Democracy in June, 1947.

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A source advised on November 3, 1964, that STAUGHTON LYND, Professor of History, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, and Director of the Mississippi Freedom Schools, spoke at a Socialist Workers Party meeting held October 30,

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (100-136585)
- 2 - New Haven (1-100-18410)
- (1-100-18293, STAUGHTON LYND)

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REGISTERED MAIL

Approved: *E.C. Wick*

Special Agent in Charge

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1964, at New York, New York, as a member of the panel discussing the topic, "The Ghetto and Political Action."

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 12, 1965, a second source advised that at a rally protesting United States policy in Viet Nam held February 11, 1965, at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, STAUGHTON LYND stated he had signed a "Declaration of Conscience on The War in Viet Nam", declaring his refusal to serve in the Armed Forces if drafted.

On April 15, 1965, a third source advised that at a rally protesting United States intervention in Viet Nam, held April 14, 1965, at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, LYND read a letter which he had sent to the Internal Revenue Service explaining that he was refusing to pay income tax beyond his withholding tax, as a protest to the United States policy in Viet Nam.

The following is noted with respect to the above mentioned sources:

STAUGHTON LYND was interviewed on August 13, 1953, by Special Agents [REDACTED] b7(c)

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Miss Gandy

Sept. 30, 1965

Mr. James S. Kemper  
Kemper Insurance Co.  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Mr. Kemper

I read with great interest your statement in part regarding the present problems faced by the nation in enforcement of the law, and the part Martin L. King has been involved in, or has contributed thereto.

It is with a great deal of pleasure to me, and so many others to have someone as yourself stand up and state the facts as they are.

You might be interested to know that recently Kingsaid and treasure made a public statement, "that the more violence and bloodshed the more money they would have to come in, and even though they collected a million dollars in 1964 they would want & need more in 1965" it would seem to me that by this statement even though King was preaching nonviolence, at the same time hoping for more bloodshed.

As you said he stated he would obey only those laws he felt just, and in effect when he made that statement he was advising his fellow man to do like wise.

For your information this was read in U.S. News & World Report, and I hope that you will not mind me sending the Editors and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover a copy of this letter, for they have also shown great courage in stating the facts regarding this man who as Mr. Truman said is nothing more than a great trouble maker.

Thank all of you, may your courage never fail, and efforts never falter as you speak and print the truth.

Your reply would be appreciated along with the full text of your speech.

Respectfully

CC

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
U.S. News & World Report

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Two ack

S/ [signature]

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
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# Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 10/1/65

FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
SM-C  
(OO: ATLANTA)

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ReNYlet of 9/8/65, reporting information concerning the identity of Doctor FRANK WILSON, a Presbyterian Official in NYC.

In addition to the information set forth in relet, the following derived from a review of the Who's Who, 1964 - 1965, edition, maintained at New York Public Library, 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC. The information as reported in the book is as follows:

FRANK THEODORE WILSON was born on January 1, 1900, in Maxton, North Carolina; was educated at Lincoln University, where he received an AB Degree in 1921, an STB Degree in 1924; received an MA Degree from Columbia University in 1932; and in 1952, received a DD Degree from Lincoln University.

On 6/28/64, WILSON married ANNA LUCREITIA DORSEY. Since his college days, he has had employments as National Student Secretary, National Council of the YMCA, 1924 through 1936; was Dean and Professor at Lincoln University from 1936 to 1949; was Dean of the School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D. C., 1949 through 1957; and since 1957 has been Secretary for the Education Commission on Ecumenical Mission on Relations, United Presbyterian Church in USA.

In addition to these employments WILSON is a member, Board of Christian Education, Chairman, Social Education and Action Commission of the United Presbyterian Church. He has been a guest lecturer at Yale Divinity School, specifically in 1950 and 1954.

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He has authored "The Christian Way in Race Relations", in 1948 and the "Unconditional Spiritual Surrender".

WILSON and his family reside at 93 Kenilworth Place, Orange, New Jersey. His office is at 475 Riverside Drive, NYC, (this is the address of the United Presbyterian Church headquarters).



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FBI CHICAGO

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TO: DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CLEVELAND  
FROM: CHICAGO (100-35356) (105-16238)

COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS DASH C, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR THREE  
EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM DASH C,  
BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

REMYTEL TEN EIGHT LAST. (NO COPY SENT TO CLEVELAND.)

[REDACTED] TODAY ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING DEPARTED  
CHICAGO ELEVEN TEN AM CDST VIA UAL FLIGHT NUMBER FOUR SIX SIX  
FOR CLEVELAND WHERE HE WILL ARRIVE ONE FOURTEEN PM EST INSTANT.

[REDACTED] STATED KING WILL ARRIVE IN AUGUSTA GA., SOME  
TIME ONE TEN ELEVEN NEXT.

END

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CC: P. Phillips

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To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, WFO (152-NEW) (C)

Subject: UNSUBS; Blackmail by  
Public Disturbance, September 15,  
1965, issue of Washington Observer Newsletter  
☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

[REDACTED] made available information in LHM to SA

LHM being disseminated to Secret Service Field Office  
and local military intelligence agencies.WFO files contain no identifiable information on  
LEE ROBERTS.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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September 30, 1963

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BLACKMAIL BY  
PUBLIC DISTURBANCE, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
ISSUE OF WASHINGTON OBSERVER NEWSLETTER**

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available to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for review a copy of the September 15, 1963, issue of the Washington Observer Newsletter, number 3, as well as a cover letter to the newsletter signed by Lee Roberts. The letter indicated Roberts is the publisher and gave Post Office Box 9061, Washington, D. C., as the newsletter's mailing address. The letter was a solicitation for subscription.

The newsletter contained an article on Page two, which is quoted as follows:

"The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, on the night of August 3, gave the federal government in Washington a taste of BLACKMAIL BY PUBLIC DISTURBANCE. Threatening in terms of 200,000 "non-violent marchers," he let loose upon us a new slogan with his ultimatum: Home Rule or Invasion!

"The Reds here do not talk in terms of non-violence. The OBSERVER can and hereby does inform its readers that elaborate plans and training have been accomplished among Washington's revolutionary cadres in preparation for knocking out communications and all utilities, including the storm and sanitary sewers. This devastation will be wrought by pumping gasoline into the vast network of subways, tunnels, trenches, conduits, and communication passages under the city.

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**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BLACKMAIL BY  
PUBLIC DISTURBANCE, SEPTEMBER 23, 1963  
ISSUE OF WASHINGTON OBSERVER NEWSPAPER**

**"A few hours of preliminary pumping from  
stolen tanker trucks, a dozen Molotov cocktails  
and the entire nation will be thrown into a  
frantic flap, resembling nothing quite so much  
as a chicken with its head cut off.**

**"Does this have to happen here?**

**"President Johnson calls Home Rule the  
last battle of the War of the Revolution.**

**"Events will prove that he is concerned  
about the wrong revolution. This is the first  
battle of the Red Revolution and under his leader-  
ship we are about to lose it."**

**On September 30, 1963, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Metropolitan Police Department,  
advised he had no specific information concerning Lee Roberts.**

**The above information was furnished on this date to the  
following persons:**

**[REDACTED] Washington Field  
Office, Secret Service, at 12:19 p.m.**

**[REDACTED] Deputy Chief  
of Staff for Intelligence for Military District  
of Washington, at 12:15 p.m.**

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Via AIRTEL

~~SECRET~~ (Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)  
(100-106670)FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)  
(100-136585)SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC  
IS-CMARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-CAPPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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11Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM)  
reporting a telephone conversation which took place on 10/1/65,  
between STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The source  
of the information was [REDACTED] a source close to STANLEY b(2) b(7D).  
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- 2 - Atlanta (100-5817) (COMINFIL SCLC) (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)  
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42) *(42)*
- 1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (42)
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~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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DATE 12/14/77~~

Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)  
Internal Security - C

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

On October 1, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr., were in contact on that date. It was during this contact that King told Levison that he recently fell backwards in his chair and cut his arm on a glass, thus necessitating a cancellation of his appointments for the next five days or so. (S)

Levison and King also discussed matters relating to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office at 312W125th Street, New York. In that regard, Levison suggested that King close the office since it was accomplishing nothing constructively. King said to close the office might subject "them" (the SCLC) to criticism. Levison concurred with King's reasoning. (S)

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the SCLC  
Internal Security - C

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

It is noted that the SCLC office at 312 West 125th Street, Harlem, New York, New York, is run by Ruth Bailey. The other office in New York City is at 200 West 57th St., NYC., and managed by Adele Kanter. (u)

In continuing their contact, Levison said he had received word that Carey McWilliams (Editor of "The Nation"), is going to carry an editorial "supporting our position as we asked him". (u)

With regard to the above, the same source furnished information on September 13, 1965, that King and his advisors had decided to ask various newspapers to write editorials supporting King's position on Vietnam and the admission of Red China to the United Nations. As a consequence of his position that Red China should be admitted to the United Nations, King has been criticized by Senator Thomas Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut, as well as others. (u)

Before concluding their contact, King said "they" have a potentially embarrassing situation in that Ralph (Ralph Abernathy, SCLC official) got Andy (Andrew Young, Executive Director of the SCLC) to write 50 contributors about buying a car for him (Ralph); however, only one of the contributors responded. Even though only one contributor responded, the car was bought at a price of \$3000, King said and in order to avoid criticism of the SCLC, the money would have to be raised. Levison said he would contribute half and that Harry Wachtel would be approached about raising the other half. (u)

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice  
President of the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, New York, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers  
Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an  
adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther  
King, Jr., is the president, and serves to  
raise funds for the SCLC.

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The April 13, 1964, issue of "The New York Times", page 23, contained an advertisement of the Emergency Committee for Civil Liberties (ECCL) which lists Carey Mc Williams of New York as a member of the ECCL Executive Committee.

A characterization of the ECCL is set forth in the appendix page.

The Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, prepared and released a pamphlet dated November 8, 1957, entitled "Operation Abolition... The Campaign Against the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Government Security Program by the ECCL and its Affiliates." Pages eight and nine of this pamphlet contain information about Carey Mc Williams which included the following:

Chairman, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; member of council, American Peace Crusade; member of National Council, American Peace Mobilization; vice-chairman, National Federation of Constitutional Liberties; sponsor of the Civil Rights Congress; sponsor of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; and sponsor of the American-Slav Congress.

The above-mentioned organizations have all been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

"1. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. \* \* \* The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.'

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. \* \* \* WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'

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Re: Communist Infiltration of SCLC  
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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECLC also have been identified under oath as Communists.  
\* \* \*

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.)

'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Re: Communist Infiltration of SCLC  
Internal Security - C

Martin Luther King, J.r.  
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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Mr. DeLoach:

While I was in the office of Chuck Stone, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (D. -N. Y.) this morning, Stone received a telephone call from a Negro newspaperman in New York whom he referred to as Al. At the outset of the conversation Stone asked "Al" if he is now "passing." Stone was complimenting him (Al) for his item regarding Senator Dodd's recent blast at "Martin" (Luther King). Apparently this Negro newsman had written an article critical of Dodd for his recent comments about King.

Stone also suggested that "Al" get a copy of the current American Legion magazine to see the article in there by Congressman Powell on the topic of "Should the U.S. Recognize Communist Cuba." Powell takes the affirmative stand in this issue and accompanying article by Congressman Armistead Selden, Jr., (D. -Ala.) takes the negative position. Stone commented that Powell probably will be "blasted" for injecting himself into foreign policy matters.

Later in the conversation Stone mentioned Walker (apparently Reverend Wyatt Walker, Assistant Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of which Powell is Pastor). The two discussed what apparently has been a recent rift between Walker and Powell and has led Powell to tell the church board that he has been pastor for 35 years and since some of them apparently do not like how he has been running things, he will resign. Stone also mentioned that he (Walker) has been pushed out of the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), a fact not widely known.

David W. Bowers

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-435794)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-65141) (P)  
RE: COMMUNIST CP SOLS  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Los Angeles airtel and LHM dated 9/28/65,  
bearing caption as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies  
of a LHM, with four copies for Atlanta, reflecting cancellation  
of the scheduled, "Training Conference." Extra copies are  
furnished Bureau and Atlanta for the MARTIN LUTHER KING file.

The source

[REDACTED] is a personal friend  
of SA [REDACTED] at the Los Angeles Office and [REDACTED]

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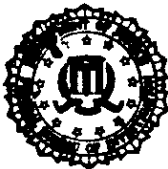
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA will follow this matter and in the event the conference is re-scheduled, will advise Bureau and Atlanta by appropriate communication.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Los Angeles, California  
October 11, 1965

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On October 11, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the reservation by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the Firestone Boy Scout Reservation, Carbon Canyon, Orange County, California, for October 6, 7 and 8, 1965, had been cancelled shortly before the scheduled dates. Source did not know the reason for the cancellation or whether the "Training Conference" would be re-scheduled for a later date.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-103670)****FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-47520) (RUC)****SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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(OO: ATLANTA)****ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED****DATE 1-9-81 BY SP4 JRM/LL****RE: Bulet 9/3/65, Atlanta airtel 8/30/65, and  
NYO letter dated 9/15/65 concerning one  
Dr. FRANK WILSON, Presbyterian Official who  
desired KING to visit a Presbyterian Office  
in Korea in November, 1965.**

A search of indices of Newark Office based on  
following background information obtained from "Who's  
Who, 1964-1965" revealed no information concerning Dr. FRANK  
THEODORE WILSON.

The information as obtained from "Who's Who"  
is as follows:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>FRANK THEODORE WILSON</b>
<b>Residence:</b>	<b>93 Kentworth Place</b>
	<b>Orange, N.J.</b>
<b>Business address:</b>	<b>475 Riverside Dr.</b>
	<b>New York City</b>
<b>Occupation:</b>	<b>Educator - Clergyman</b>
<b>DOB:</b>	<b>January 1, 1900</b>
<b>POB:</b>	<b>Maxton, N.C.</b>

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 Special Agent in Charge

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**Education:**

Lincoln University AB - 1921  
STB - 1924  
DD (Honorary) -  
1952

Columbia University MA - 1932  
ED D - 1937

**Marital status:**

Married to ANNA LUCRETIA DORSEY  
6/28/24

**Children:**

FRANK THEODORE  
ANN ELIZABETH (Mrs. EDGAR M. COLE)

**Affiliations and  
Occupations:**

National Student Secretary  
National Council YMCA, 1924 -  
1936

Dean of Students and Professor  
of Psychology, Lincoln U,  
1936 - 1949

Also Director of young peoples  
Summer Conference  
Blairstown, N.J.  
1945 - 1948

Dean, School of Religion and  
Professor religious education  
Howard U, 1949 - 1957

Secretary for Education  
Commission on Ecumenical Mission  
on Relations United Presbyterian  
Church in USA, 1957 to  
Guest lecturer Yale Divinity  
School, 1950 and 1954

Director, Educational Surveys  
in Asia, Latin America  
Middle East

Member General Commission  
World Student Christian  
Federation Mysore, India,  
1923 - 1929

Member, Board Christian Education  
Chairman, Social Education and  
Action Committee of

Presbyterian Church, USA

Member, National Student  
Committee - YMCA, 1940 to



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**Writings:**

Accredited visitor World  
Council of Churches, Evanston,  
Illinois, 1954  
Trustee Lincoln University  
1954 to  
Fellow National Council on  
Religion in Higher Education  
Author of Unconditional Spiritual  
Surrender, 1947  
Contributor to the Christian  
Way in Race Relations, 1948

In view of the additional background information,  
NYO is requested to research their indices concerning FRANK  
THEODORE WILSON, who is on the Staff of the National  
Headquarters of the Presbyterian Church, 475 Riverside Dr.,  
NYC, and who specializes in Education matters relating to the  
Church.

WFO and Philadelphia are also requested to check  
their indices on FRANK THEODORE WILSON and advise Bureau and  
Atlanta of any subversive information in the files.

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September 29, 1965

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*B. J. [Signature]*

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Yakima, Washington 98902 b7(c)

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 21st, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. I can assure you, however, that I have never made such a statement as is attributed to me.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 25  
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Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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Yakima, Washington  
98902  
September 21, 1965.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
9th and Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a letter to the editor from the Sept. 18 copy of the Yakima Morning Herald which says in part: "J. Edgar Hoover reported to the President that King (Martin Luther) was and is a 'card-carrying' Communist. Hoover is not the type of man that makes this type of statement if he doesn't have proof". I would like to verify from you if this statement is true.

I feel if it is not true, it should be stated so.

Sincerely,

b7(c) [Redacted Signature]

C.c. to Mr. Bill Moyer  
Presidential Press Secretary

1965

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CORRESPONDENCE

# **Yakima Morning Herald**

Thursday, Sept. 16, 1965—CH 8-1251—114 N. 4th St., Yakima, Wash. 98901

Dedicated to a Greater Yakima Valley

Ted Robertson, Publisher

## **King Comment**

To The Editor — Sometime back I raised an objection to the Nobel Peace prize being awarded to Martin Luther King. I said he was a trouble-maker.

Last week he visited Mr. Goldberg, our ambassador to the United Nations. During this visit he DEMANDED that the United States give recognition to Red China.

J. Edgar Hoover reported to the President that King was (and is) a "card-carrying" Communist. Hoover is not the type of man that makes this type of statement if he doesn't have proof.

King's latest actions certainly do not dovetail with a man whose aim in life is "peace."

There is an old saying which goes, "You can take the stripes away from a skunk . . . but he still smells like a skunk." I hope people wake up . . . before it is too late.

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RE:               BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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Date: 9/30/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF Classified  
DATE 12/14/77

There are enclosed for the Bureau ten copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information furnished by b(2) b(7)(D) on 9/29/65. This information was obtained from a telephone conversation between MARTIN LUTHER KING who was in Atlanta and CLARENCE JONES in New York City.

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- (1-100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 2-Atlanta (100-5817) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- (1-100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 1-NY (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)
- 1-NY (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (42)
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This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a highly sensitive source, furnishing information about racial matters in the U.S. and Communist influence therein.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Bu 100-438794

New York, New York

September 30, 1965

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9/30/85

Re: Communist Infiltration of  
the Southern Christian  
Leadership Conference  
Internal Security - C

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 29, 1965, that on that date, Martin Luther King was in contact with Clarence Jones. According to the source, Jones advised King of a meeting he, Jones, had with Harry (Wachtel) at which they went over the Gandhi Society Board, the Executive Committee, the whole question of allocation of money for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Gandhi Society. Jones continued that all problems were discussed candidly and frankly, that they both agreed on all names that should be on the Executive Committee as well as those on the Board.

Jones said he discussed the problem of the Gandhi Society not being turned into a "Frankenstein" as far as the SCLC is concerned. He said he told Harry that they must be very careful that, when high contributors give to the Society and intend the money to go to the SCLC, they insure the SCLC benefits. He added that otherwise they will find money being siphoned off to a tax-exempt organization that would otherwise go to the SCLC.

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Jones further commented that Harry was in very good form, that they discussed his relationship with King and with Jones as well as the advisory committee and some of the problems which Harry felt existed. He said Harry is ready to go along at every level.

King related that he had spoken with Harry a day or two before and Jones informed King that Harry had summarized the conference held with King concerning King speaking in Philadelphia (on October 15, 1965 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom).

King mentioned that he had heard that Harry Belafonte "had gone in the hole" for about \$10,000 and Jones commented that Belafonte had told him the same thing, that it was on the occasion of the Selma benefit. He said Belafonte would like to have some reimbursement made to Belafonte Enterprises. Jones indicated that the expense occurred from the misrouting of equipment which Belafonte shipped down.

(It is noted that Harry Belafonte provided entertainment on the occasion of the march led by King from Montgomery to Selma, Alabama, in the Spring of 1965).

According to the source, it was agreed that King would write Belafonte a thank - you letter. Jones mentioned that perhaps a check for \$1,000.00 could be sent to Belafonte, that Belafonte mentioned a reimbursement of \$2,500.00, but did not press the issue. King felt they could pull out the expense money for Belafonte if they had to.

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King advised that the SCLC is in a period where things have gone down a great deal as far as fund raising is concerned. Jones brought up the September fund-raising letter and felt there will be a good response to it.

Jones inquired as to how the Philadelphia appearance had been resolved in so far as King's position on Vietnam is concerned. King related that he had decided to appear at the last minute, make an excuse for leaving and leave immediately after the speech. King said there would be no press conferences.

Jones mentioned that Wyatt Tee Walker, the former Executive Director of the SCLC made a statement from the pulpit of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's church on Sunday, (September 26, 1965) about the peace settlement with Powell, that King is his number one leader and Powell's number one leader, but that in New York Powell is number one. King stated that he did not know about this, but knew Powell was ready to give in because a lot of members had gotten on Adam and circulated a petition. King added that Powell is smart enough to nip something like that in the bud.

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice  
President of the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, New York, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers  
Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an  
adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther  
King, Jr., is the president, and serves to  
raise funds for the SCLC.

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APPENDIX

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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                      (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-433794)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-55141) (P)

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 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director dated 9/13/65,  
 and Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 9/17/65, concerning  
 SCLC activity at a Boy Scout camp near Los Angeles  
 in October, 1965.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies  
 of a letterhead memorandum, with four copies for Atlanta,  
 concerning the above activity. Extra copies are furnished  
 Bureau and Atlanta for MARTIN LUTHER KING's file in view  
 of the possibility of his attending the conference.

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[REDACTED] Son of [REDACTED] b7(D)

is a personal friend of [REDACTED] of the b7(C)

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Atlanta is alerted to possibility of KING being in attendance at the above conference and will advise Bureau and Los Angeles if any information is developed in this regard.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report any information from newspapers or established sources concerning the above conference.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
September 28, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On September 28, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has reserved the dates of October 6, 7, and 8, 1965, at the Firestone Bay Scout Reservation, Carbon Canyon, Orange County, California, for a "training conference". Source did not know how many were expected to attend this training conference but the camp has facilities to accommodate up to 200 persons overnight.

The camp was reserved for the conference by the Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Jr. of the Western Christian Leadership Conference, 2400 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles. The Reverend A. A. Peters, Minister of the Victory Baptist Church, 4502 Mc Kinley Avenue, Los Angeles, who also represents the Western Christian Leadership Conference, indicated that there is a possibility that Martin Luther King, Jr. would be here for all or part of the training conference and if so would personally conduct some of the training sessions.

Source did not know the specific purpose of the training conference or the nature of the training that would be afforded those in attendance.

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St. Augustine, Florida

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 23th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I have not made the statement you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature it is hoped will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

U. S. News & World Report 12-7-64

Senator Thomas J. Dodd's speech on 2-25-65

1 - Jacksonville - Enclosure

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25 September 1965

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St. Augustine, Fla.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The following statement has been attributed  
to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, quote, "Dr. Martin Luther King  
is a communist" unquote. Please advise me as to the accuracy  
of this statement.

Sincerely,

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25 September 1965

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Please advise me as to the  
accuracy of this statement.

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Sincerely,  
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Plainview, Minnesota 55964

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of September 24th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your confidence in my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to the post card you forwarded, it is contrary to policy to render a legal opinion; however, you may be assured the FBI will continue to do everything within its power to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of dispatch, thoroughness and objectivity.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Senator Thomas J. Dodd's remarks before Senate 2-25-65  
Excerpt from FBI Appropriations Testimony 3-4-65 re Civil Rights matter

1 - Minneapolis - Enclosures (2)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Dear Mr. Hoover

Regrettably, space and my meager energies forbid me from congratulating you on your long tenure in office. (Although you would be too modest to publicize it and/or security forbids it), I don't doubt that recruits from London's Scotland Yard and the Paris Sur8te' have visited your department at times to "pick up pointers" and, of course, their superiors must have consulted you many times, either individually, or via Interpol. It suffices that I agree 100% with the recent SATEVEPOST about you and the FBI.

It is amazing that a city like Rochester with a great density of doctors and IEI engineers could harbor hate groups. (IEI is completely integrated, the Mayo Clinic, save for staff doctors is, too.)

Four years ago, someone read my "old liberal" letters to the Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin and embarrassed me by taking out a subscription to the Communist Guardian. I killed the subscription on your kind advice.

Last December I had a letter published in the Post-Bulletin defending Dr. Martin Luther King against charges that he was a Communist sympathizer or even favored Communist report.

Yesterday, the enclosed postcard came from Rochester. As an attorney who must have abstracted, if not almost memorized the laws of the fifty states in line of duty, I am certain that you can determine whether these postcards are unlawful.

I feel that the photograph bears faint resemblance to Dr. King, I have seen no pictures of him without his black suit and I doubt if he would appear anywhere in short-sleeved shirt and, of all things, unpressed grey trousers!

As an ordained minister, Dr. King cannot appear to take vengeance reserved only to God by suing for libel, slander and defamation of character, but I am certain your men in Boston can check out American Opinion and the post office can determine if it is legal to commit mail-order libel.

Your differences in the past with Dr. King have been quite legitimate, but no individual or group receives better justice than at the Department of Justice itself.

Long tenure to you and Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
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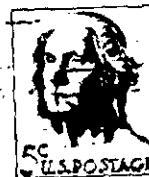
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1. Martin Luther King, Jr. The association indicated here is not unusual for Dr. King, who belongs to several important Communist front organizations, and who regularly employs or affiliates with known Communists.
2. Abner W. Berry, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Communist front, the Southern Conference Education Fund.
4. Myles Horton, Director of the Highlander Folk School (for Communist Training), Monteagle, Tennessee. This school was later abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Atlanta and LHM 9/25/65, copies to Philadelphia,  
which reported on a 9/27/65 contact between an employee of  
subject's office and one Martha Hall. It was indicated that  
subject and his wife, Coretta, would be in Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, 10/15/65. Atlanta noted that it had no further  
information pertaining to subject's presence in Philadelphia.

For the information of Atlanta and Philadelphia,  
New York teletype 9/25/65, captioned "Circ" reported on a  
conference had 9/25/65 between subject and some of his advisors.  
They discussed the fact that King was scheduled to make a speech  
in Philadelphia 10/15/65 at the 5th Anniversary of the World  
International League for Peace and Freedom. In their  
discussion, there appears to be a strong likelihood that King will  
not make an appearance because one of the individuals who is to be  
on the platform is Staughton Lynd and although he is a friend  
of King's, it was agreed that he was not the kind of person  
for King to be seen with. Under consideration was the idea  
of having someone such as Mrs. King read King's speech for him  
at this affair.

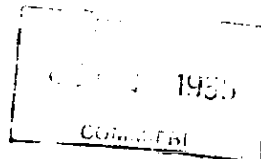
In view of the foregoing, referenced LHM is not being  
disseminated by the Bureau. Recipient offices should be alert  
to additional information indicating the presence of King at  
the affair in question, and if positive information is received,  
it should be incorporated in an LHM utilizing, if appropriate,  
information contained in the referenced LHM as well as in the  
New York teletype of 9/25/65.

For the additional information of Atlanta and Philadelphia,  
Lynd is a Security Index subject, New Haven origin, and New Haven  
is under instruction to furnish New York Office appropriate  
characterizing information concerning Lynd.

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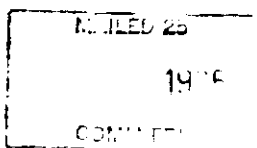
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 27th, with enclosure,  
has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information  
contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as  
confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department  
of Justice; therefore, I am certain you will understand why  
I cannot comment as you indicated.

Enclosed is some literature it is hoped will  
be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)

Excerpt from Appropriations Testimony regarding CP, USA 3-4-65  
Senator Thomas J. Dodd's Speech on the Floor of the U. S. Senate 2-25-65

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This card was mailed to me by [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED], Hickory, N. C. Would you please send me  
any information as to the source of this material?

Thank you [REDACTED]

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Hildebran, N. C.



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This card was mailed to  
me by [REDACTED] b7C,  
[REDACTED] Hickory, NC. Would  
you please send me any  
information as to the source  
of this material?

Thank you

b7C) [REDACTED]

Hickory, NC.

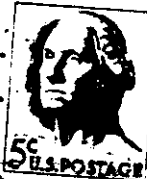
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Lower left, arms folded, is Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. To King's right, Aubrey Williams, pres. of the communist front SCF, and Myles Horton, dir. Highlander Folk School for communist training at Monteagle, Tenn. Picture taken by secret counteragent during Red Workshop in race agitation. (For additional copies write Councils, Oil & Gas Bldg., Shreveport, La. \$1 per 50.)



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Martin Luther King at Communist Training School



RE:                   BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
                      (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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[REDACTED]  
Mankato, Minnesota 56002  
[REDACTED]

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Your letter of September 24th has been received.

With respect to your request, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will understand the reason for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested. I am enclosing, however, a copy of my address, "Our Heritage of Greatness," which contains on page 7, in essence, my views on communist attempts to dominate the civil rights movement.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

Our Heritage of Greatness

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Mankato, Minnesota 5600

September 24, 1965

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 1-9-81 BY SP4JRM/ML

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Late in July I made a public statement deploring serious changes which the accusers, without offering the smallest shred of valid supporting evidence, made about certain people. These "certain" people are Mr. James Farmer, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Mr. Bayard Rustin; the accusations indict these men as communists or as having significantly close associations with known communists. Because of these alleged associations the civil rights groups are condemned outright.

As a result of my statement I am still receiving mail. There has been reference to your calling Dr. King a notorious liar. For some people your charge is an absolute proof that Dr. King's whole life and all his statements are highly suspect. The conclusion is that Mr. King is communist. I realize, of course, that such reasoning, if one can name it such, is utterly ridiculous.

I respectfully and earnestly request a statement of your opinion concerning each of these three men. Do you consider them communists or not? Do you think there is a dangerous degree of communist infiltration in the high-level leadership in the non-violent civil rights groups? Or, do you think communists exert any influence on the policy-making of these groups?

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

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Mankato, Minn

September 24,

b7(c)

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Fourth Street and Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 1-9-81 BY SP4 JAM/ML

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Like in July I made a public statement deploring serious charges which the accusers, without offering the smallest shred of valid supporting evidence, made about certain people. These "certain" people are Mr. James Farmer, Dr. Martin Luther King and Rev. Bayard Rustin; the accusations indict these men as communists or as having significantly close association with known communists. Because of these alleged associations the civil rights groups are condemned in the eyes of the public.

For a number of years I have been a member of the American Civil Liberties Union. I have no reference to your calling Dr. King a notorious liar. To some people your charge is an absolute proof that Dr. King's whole life and all his statements are highly suspect. The conclusion is that Dr. King is Communist. I realize, of course, that such reasoning, if one can name it such, is utterly ridiculous.

I respectfully and earnestly request a statement of your opinion concerning each of these three men. Do you consider them Communists or not? Do you think there is a dangerous degree of Communist infiltration in the high-level leadership in the non-violent civil rights groups? Or, do you think communists exert any influence on the policy making of these groups?

Thank you for your time and interest.

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Domestic Intelligence Division 6076

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/23/65

67(D)  
Attached reports information from [REDACTED] that Martin Luther King and Louis Lomax may travel to Vietnam next week. Dissemination of attached will be made to the White House, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Atlanta subsequently advised that sources have no current information indicating that King contemplates travel to Vietnam.

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Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
DeLoach	✓
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Callahan	✓
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URGENT 9-23-65 6:04 PM  
TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA  
FROM LOS ANGELES 232022

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DATE 10-12-79 BY SP-3 TEK/afg

*0* SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNISM  
MARTIN LUTHER KING. SM C.

ADVISED RELIABLE INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT KING AND  
LOUIS LOMAX WILL DEPART UNITED STATES FOR VIETNAM TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 28, NEXT. LOMAX, A CONTROVERSIAL WRITER AND  
TV PERSONALITY,

STATES  
KING NOT IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

ATLANTA REQUESTED DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION BEARING  
ON KING'S REPORTED DEPARTURE TO VIETNAM.

RECEIVED: 6:38 PM JG

RELAYED TO ATLANTA

*Memo Bordner to Sullivan*  
*LHM to WH, Rusk, Robison,*  
*AG, DAG, Gandy, Dean*  
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1 Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. T.J. Smith

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September 24, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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A confidential source of this Bureau, who has supplied reliable information in the past, has furnished the following information which the source described as reliable:

On September 22, 1965, Louis Lomax stated in Los Angeles, California, that he and Martin Luther King, Jr., plan to depart the United States for Vietnam on September 23, 1965. It is noted that on the evening of September 23, 1965, Lomax addressed a group of approximately 500 persons at the San Bernardino, California, County Fair and made no mention of any forthcoming travel plans.

Lomax is a well-known writer and television personality who has been active in civil rights matters. He is presently a resident of the Los Angeles, California, area.

ORIGINAL TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND XEROX COPIES TO SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK, DIRECTOR RABORN OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL YEAGLEY AND DOAR.

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, 9/24/65, same caption.

SENT PER NOTATION  
ON MEMORANDUM

EX 110

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Mr. Tolson	100-106670 - 1897
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Mr. Bland	
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Mr. Rosen ☐ Mr. Tavel ☐ Mr. Casper ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan, 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan  
1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. Bland  
FROM : F. J. Baumgardner 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. T.J. Smith  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE: 9/24/65

b7(c) Baumgardner

Los Angeles radiogram 9/23/65 reported information from

[redacted] described as reliable. On 9/22/65, Louis Lomax stated that he and Martin Luther King, Jr., intend to depart the United States for Vietnam 9/28/65. Lomax, Negro, is a controversial writer and television personality who has been active in civil rights matters and is presently based in the Los Angeles, California, area.

We had the Los Angeles Office, [redacted], cover a personal appearance of Lomax last night (9/23/65) at the San Bernadino, California, County Fair. Lomax addressed approximately 500 people but made no mention of any personal forthcoming travel plans.

We also checked with our Atlanta Office which has advised that its sources close to King have furnished no information whatsoever indicating that King contemplates travel to Vietnam.

You will recall that when King conferred with his advisors 9/13/65 he indicated that he was going to try to gracefully retreat from his "meddling" in the Vietnam situation because of all the adverse publicity King was getting. Notwithstanding the reported indication that King was going to try to back off on the Vietnam matter and the fact that the Lomax claim is not verified by any other source, we believe that the information about a possible trip by King and Lomax should be disseminated. We are following this matter very closely and we will keep you apprised of further developments.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Attached for approval is a letterhead memorandum reporting the Lomax claim of travel with King to Vietnam. It is recommended that it be disseminated, by routing slips, to the White House, Secretary of State Rusk, Director Raborn of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar.

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1 - Mr. Bland  
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To: SACs, New Haven  
New York (100-136585)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReNYtel 9/28/65 "CIRM" which, for the information of New Haven, reported that subject King was acquainted with Staughton Lynd. Lynd is to appear at an affair in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 10/15/65 to which King has also been invited.

Bureau files reveal that Staughton Lynd is on the Security Index, New Haven origin, New Haven file 100-18293. New Haven is instructed to immediately furnish the New York Office sufficient data from which a succinct characterization of Lynd may be prepared for inclusion by New York Office in the letterhead memorandum which is to be prepared containing the details of referenced teletype.

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[REDACTED]  
Leland, Mississippi 38756

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 21st has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[REDACTED]  
Leland, Mississippi

September 21, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently one of my high school teachers stated that Mr. Martin Luther King is a "known Communist." He referred to pictures taken of Mr. King entering a Communist "summer camp," in Nashville, Tennessee, I believe. I'd like to know for sure whether or not this teacher is correct. Do you have any information on the subject?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Leland, Mississippi 38756

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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1235 AM URGENT 9-24-65 KSS

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-57229)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM-C.

REMYTEL NINE TWENTY THREE LAST.

LOUIS LOMAX APPEARED SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS  
NIGHT OF NINE TWENTY THREE ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES SIMS  
AND A. Z. YOUNG OF BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA, ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED] LOMAX  
DURING ADDRESS TO AUDIENCE OF FIVE HUNDRED DID NOT MENTION  
ANY PERSONAL FORTHCOMING TRAVEL PLANS. [REDACTED] WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE  
ALLEGED TRAVEL OF LOMAX AND KING ON TUESDAY NEXT.

END

WA. . . JMS

FBI WASH DC

NO. . . NEED LINE SIX AND SEVEN RPT

DURING ADDRESS TO AUDIENCE OF FIVE HUNDRED DID NOT MENTION  
ANY PERSONAL FORTHCOMING TRAVEL PLANS. [REDACTED] WILL

NO. . . NEXT LINE ALSO PLS

CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED WITH [REDACTED]

6 RJS

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Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Mohr  
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9:02 PM EST URGENT 9-23-65 LG  
 TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES  
 FROM ATLANTA 230001

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER 23, 1965.

AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 23, 1965, ATLANTA SOURCES  
 HAVE FURNISHED NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER INDICATING THAT KING  
 CONTEMPLATES TRAVEL TO VIETNAM ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1965, OR AT  
 ANY OTHER TIME.

KING PRESENTLY IN ATLANTA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9-17-65

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 23223-23227. Senator Young, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning a news article reporting that Senator Dodd, (D) Connecticut, denounced Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., charging that he has taken advantage of his pulpit to meddle in U. S. foreign policy. Mr. Young stated "He also accused Reverend King of being 'alined with the forces of appeasement of communism.'" Mr. Young went on to state "I take violent exception to the accusation that

Reverend King has said or done anything that alines him even remotely 'with the forces of appeasement.' - - - It is dead wrong for any self-appointed vigilante to infer that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a Communist sympathizer or by his statements is continuing his 'allnment with the forces of appeasement.'"

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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(OO: Atlanta)

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Re Atlanta airtel dated 9/10/65 and Atlanta teletype dated 9/21/65.

Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above at Newark, N.J.

Two copies of the LHM are being enclosed for Atlanta and New York Offices.

With reference to bomb threat mentioned in attached LHM, Newark by teletype and airtel dated 9/22/65 furnished information to Bureau and interested agencies.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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On September 22, 1965, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was present at the annual Michaelmas Convocation of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, New Jersey. At this gathering he was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws and Letters by St. Peter's College and he also gave an address.

In his address Dr. King stressed the brotherhood of man and the equality of all people. He stated that while recent civil rights legislation has been enacted there is a need both in the South and in the North for massive programs to be initiated which will insure equality for all. Dr. King also stressed the need for nonviolence in the civil rights movement.

Prior to the convocation several individuals appeared outside the auditorium and distributed literature critical of Martin Luther King and some of those who have associated with him in the civil rights movement.

Newspaper reports reflect that college authorities stated numerous phone calls and letters had been received objecting to Dr. King's appearance at the college.

At the start of the convocation, while Martin Luther King, Jr. was on the stage, a telephone call was received at the college saying a bomb was on the premises. College officials told Dr. King of the call, and he asked that the call be disregarded since it is a usual thing which happens when he appears in various places. No search was made of the premises and no evacuation was made of the audience. The program was continued without incident.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: SENATOR STROM THURMOND  
(R-SOUTH CAROLINA)

DATE: September 15, 1965

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At Senator Thurmond's request, I went to his office at 4:00 p. m. 9/14/65 for an appointment. I was advised by his assistants, Harry Dent and Fred Buzhardt, that the Senator had called over from the Floor to indicate he must attend a Republican Party policy meeting which former Vice President Nixon would supervise. The assistants indicated that they would appreciate talking to me and that the Senator and I could get together at another time.

Dent showed me two newspaper articles representing releases which Senator Thurmond had put out over the weekend criticizing Martin Luther King for injecting himself into matters of foreign policy at the United Nations. These releases also criticized Ambassador Goldberg for giving King an audience.

b7(c) Dent told me that it was a matter of common knowledge on the Hill that [REDACTED] He stated it was also widely understood that King was controlled by communists in this country. Dent stated he had been present when one powerful leader of the Senate a few days ago told a group of newspaper men, off the record, of these facts.

Dent asked me if there was a concerted effort on the part of the FBI to discredit King. I told Dent that such matters were beyond our jurisdiction. He then replied that he felt someone, particularly a Senator, should expose King. I told him this of course was the prerogative of any of the Senators, however, they should do their homework well. Dent mentioned that he felt that King had gone too far in attempting to inject himself into matters of foreign policy. He stated he felt there would be a wide reaction on the part of the American public.

Dent asked if I could give him any advice as to what course of action Senator Thurmond should follow in the future regarding statements concerning King and civil rights leaders in general. I told him that the Senator, being a southerner, would no doubt be considered subject to bias and suspicion in any statements he might make, however, this was all the more reason why the Senator should be very careful about doing his homework.

1 - Mr. Belmont  
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